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INTRODUCTION.

Victoria is situated at the south-eastern extremity of the Australian continent of which it occupies about a thirty-fourth part, and contains about 87,884 square miles. It lies approximately between the 34th and 39th parallels of south latitude and the 141st and 150th meridians of east longitude. Its greatest length from east to west is about 493 miles, its greatest breadth about 290 miles and its extent of coast-line (including the length around Port Phillip Bay, Western Port, and Corner Inlet) 980 miles. It is bounded on the north and north-east by New South Wales from which it is separated by the River Murray and by a straight line in a south-easterly direction from a place near the head-waters of that stream, called The Springs, to Cape Howe. On the west it is bounded by South Australia and on the south and south-east its shores are washed by the Southern Ocean, Bass Strait, and the Pacific Ocean.

The climate of Victoria is characterized by warm summers, rather cold winters, and rain in all months. Mean temperatures in midsummer (January) range from 65 deg. (Fahr.) in the south to 75 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west, corresponding means of daily maxima being 80 deg. (Fahr.) in the south and 90 deg. (Fahr.) in the north-west. In midwinter (July) the mean temperature is generally below 50 deg. (Fahr.), mean of the night minima being below 40 deg. (Fahr.).

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STATISTICS OF VICTORIA

I.—POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS.

VICTORIA—POPULATION.

Period.	Victoria.			Melbourne and Suburbs.
	Males.	Females.	Total.	
Census—				
1901 (31st March)	603,720	597,350	1,201,070	496,079
1911 (3rd April)	655,591	659,960	1,315,551	593,237
1921 (4th April)	754,724	776,556	1,531,280	782,979
1933 (30th June)	903,244	917,017	1,820,261	991,934
1947 (30th June)	1,013,867	1,040,834	2,054,701	1,226,409
1954 (30th June)	1,231,099	1,221,242	2,452,341	(a) 1,524,111
At 31st December (estimated)—				
1951 (b)	1,150,009	1,149,529	2,299,538	1,330,800
1952 (b)	1,189,262	1,177,457	2,366,719	1,359,100
1953 (b)	1,212,060	1,203,975	2,416,035	1,388,800
1954 (b)	1,246,591	1,234,286	2,480,877	1,544,500
1955	1,288,058	1,266,963	2,555,021	1,595,300
At 31st March, 1956 (estimated) ..	1,306,015	1,282,804	2,588,819	..

(a) Area of Melbourne and Suburbs was re-defined for statistical purposes as from 1st January, 1954.

(b) Revised in accordance with the final result of the Census of 30th June, 1954.

VICTORIA—MARRIAGES, BIRTHS, AND DEATHS.

Period.	Number of—				Rate per 1,000 of Population.			Infantile Mortality.
	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Deaths under One Year.	Marriage.	Birth.	Death.	
Year ended 31st December—								
1951	21,117	50,553	23,446	1,143	9·28	22·21	10·30	22·61
1952	20,220	53,738	23,322	1,198	8·63	22·93	9·95	22·29
1953	19,238	53,561	22,650	1,133	8·03	22·36	9·45	21·15
1954	19,404	54,660	22,554	1,055	(a) 7·91	(a) 22·28	(a) 9·19	19·30
1955	20,056	56,336	22,527	1,035	(a) 7·94	(a) 22·30	(a) 8·92	18·37
					Equivalent Annual Rate per 1,000 of Population. (a)			
1956—								
March Quarter ..	5,360	14,757	4,867	260	8·34	22·95	7·57	17·62

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death.	Year Ended 31st December—		Quarter Ended 31st March—	
	1954.	1955.	1955.	1956. (a)
Tuberculosis	245	222	40	39
Malignant Neoplasms	3,370	3,532	887	890
Diabetes	379	420	83	105
Vascular Lesions affecting Central Nervous System	3,099	3,060	641	638
Diseases of the Heart	7,383	7,538	1,507	1,477
General Arteriosclerosis	830	791	150	181
Pneumonia	673	568	99	71
Nephritis and Nephrosis	354	311	66	76
Certain Diseases of Early Infancy	658	602	131	170
Accidents	1,245	1,216	265	256

(a) Subject to revision.

II.—LABOUR AND INDUSTRIAL.

VICTORIA—WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN EMPLOYMENT.

(Thousands.)

Month.	Total Employment.(a)			Total Employment in Main Industrial Groups.						
	Government Employment.(b)	Private Employment.	Total.	Mining and Quarrying.	Factories.(c)	Building and Construction.	Transport and Communication.	Retail Trade.	Other Commerce and Finance.	Professional and Personal Services. (d)
MALES.										
1939—July ..	90.0	267.5	357.5	5.5	128.4	36.4	45.4	75.9		35.9
1952—June ..	153.7	370.8	524.5	5.2	204.1	52.3	71.3	35.9	55.4	49.0
1953—June ..	150.9	370.7	521.6	5.3	206.4	49.5	69.0	36.3	54.7	49.4
1954—June ..	154.8	384.9	539.7	4.9	216.1	51.5	72.0	36.9	57.2	50.1
1955—April ..	158.0	396.1	554.1	4.8	223.2	53.6	71.6	37.0	60.0	51.7
May ..	157.9	397.5	555.4	4.8	223.1	54.0	72.5	37.0	60.1	51.7
June ..	158.2	398.5	556.7	4.8	223.4	54.3	72.9	37.2	59.9	52.0
1956—April ..	159.5	405.9	565.4	4.8	228.4	52.8	72.1	37.7	62.1	54.1
May ..	160.0	405.6	565.6	4.8	227.7	53.6	72.2	37.8	61.9	54.0
June ..	160.2	404.2	564.4	4.8	227.2	53.6	72.1	37.8	61.7	53.8
FEMALES.										
1939—July ..	16.8	126.1	142.9	0.1	63.9	0.3	3.3	30.8		34.3
1952—June ..	36.9	169.7	206.6	0.1	76.6	1.1	11.6	30.8	20.2	56.6
1953—June ..	35.6	170.3	205.9	0.1	79.6	1.1	10.6	29.8	19.8	56.1
1954—June ..	36.3	181.4	217.7	0.1	86.6	1.2	10.3	31.6	21.2	57.9
1955—April ..	38.5	187.0	225.5	0.1	88.0	1.3	10.9	33.0	22.6	60.5
May ..	38.6	186.5	225.1	0.1	87.6	1.3	10.9	33.3	22.4	60.5
June ..	39.2	187.8	227.0	0.1	88.2	1.3	11.0	33.8	22.5	60.8
1956—April ..	41.7	192.1	233.8	0.1	90.1	1.3	11.5	33.5	24.4	63.3
May ..	41.9	191.5	233.4	0.1	89.8	1.3	11.6	33.5	24.3	63.3
June ..	41.9	191.3	233.2	0.1	89.4	1.3	11.6	33.8	24.3	63.0
PERSONS.										
1939—July ..	106.8	393.6	500.4	5.6	192.3	36.7	48.7	106.7		70.2
1952—June ..	190.6	540.5	731.1	5.3	280.7	53.4	82.9	66.7	75.6	105.6
1953—June ..	186.5	541.0	727.5	5.4	286.0	50.6	79.6	66.1	74.5	105.5
1954—June ..	191.1	566.3	757.4	5.0	302.7	52.7	82.3	68.5	78.4	108.0
1955—April ..	196.5	583.1	779.6	4.9	311.2	54.9	82.5	70.0	82.6	112.2
May ..	196.5	584.0	780.5	4.9	310.7	55.3	83.4	70.3	82.5	112.2
June ..	197.4	586.3	783.7	4.9	311.6	55.6	83.9	71.0	82.4	112.8
1956—April ..	201.2	598.0	799.2	4.9	318.5	54.1	83.6	71.2	86.5	117.4
May ..	201.9	597.1	799.0	4.9	317.5	54.9	83.8	71.3	86.2	117.3
June ..	202.1	595.5	797.6	4.9	316.6	54.9	83.7	71.6	86.0	116.8

(a) Excluding wage earners in rural industry, female domestics in private household, Defence Force at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is based on Pay-roll Tax returns and records of Government employment. All figures for months subsequent to May, 1945 (Factories, June 1948), subject to revision.

(b) Employees of Commonwealth, State, Local, and Semi-Governmental authorities.

(c) From July, 1948, the monthly figures are estimates subject to revision.

(d) Includes Law and Order, Religion, &c., Health, Education, Other Professional Services, Entertainment &c. and Personal Service (Hotels Restaurants &c., *excluding* female private domestic).

VICTORIA—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES FIXED BY COMMONWEALTH COURT OF CONCILIATION AND ARBITRATION.

(Adult Males.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939—September ..	81 0	77 0	76 0	80 0	80 0	80 0
1950—February ..	134 0	130 0	130 0	133 0	132 0	134 0
May ..	137 0	133 0	133 0	136 0	135 0	136 0
August ..	140 0	135 0	136 0	139 0	139 0	140 0
November ..	143 0	138 0	139 0	142 0	143 0	142 0
December ..	162 0	157 0	158 0	161 0	162 0	161 0
1951—February ..	170 0	164 0	164 0	167 0	170 0	169 0
May ..	177 0	171 0	171 0	175 0	177 0	177 0
August ..	189 0	188 0	182 0	190 0	188 0	189 0
November ..	199 0	198 0	194 0	198 0	202 0	199 0
1952—February ..	209 0	208 0	205 0	207 0	211 0	209 0
May ..	212 0	211 0	209 0	211 0	215 0	212 0
August ..	224 0	221 0	221 0	222 0	227 0	224 0
November ..	228 0	227 0	226 0	227 0	233 0	228 0
1953—February ..	229 0	226 0	226 0	227 0	234 0	229 0
May ..	232 0	228 0	229 0	228 0	235 0	231 0
August (a) ..	235 0	232 0	232 0	232 0	239 0	235 0
1956—June (b) ..	245 0	242 0	242 0	242 0	249 0	245 0

(a) Automatic adjustment of basic wage discontinued in Commonwealth Awards by the decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration announced on 12th September, 1953.

(b) By a decision of the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration on 25th May, 1956. Automatic quarterly adjustments not restored.

Note.—For information relating to the basic wage payable in a specified industry, reference should be made to the Court Award or the State Wages Board Determination or the Award or Determination of any Special Industrial Tribunal appointed to deal with wages and conditions in respect of that industry.

MELBOURNE—BASIC WEEKLY WAGE RATES UNDER STATE WAGES BOARDS DETERMINATIONS. (a) (ADULT MALES.)

Payable as from the Beginning of First Pay Period in—	Amount.
	s. d.
1953—November	237 0
1954—February	238 0
May	237 0
August	236 0
November	234 0
1955—February	235 0
May	237 0
August	240 0
November	246 0
1956—February	251 0
May	256 0
August	263 0

(a) No basic wage declared but the rates shown are those commonly adopted by Wages Boards. The Labour and Industry Act requires Wages Boards to provide for automatic adjustment of wage rates in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers.

NOTE.—Prior to November, 1953, rates generally followed were those fixed by the Commonwealth Court of Conciliation and Arbitration.

VICTORIA—INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES CAUSING STOPPAGE OF WORK.

Period.	Number.	Workpeople Involved.			Working Days Lost.	Estimated Loss in Wages.
		Directly.	Indirectly. (a)	Total.		
						£'000
1939 Year ..	10	1,989	180	2,169	27,313	20
1952 ..	33	60,753	1,167	61,920	116,339	339
1953 ..	53	65,962	2,164	68,126	57,160	176
1954 ..	76	42,476	2,337	44,813	135,307	458
1955 ..	66	33,255	2,287	35,542	138,507	435
1954—March Qr. ..	24	19,411	36	19,447	28,262	97
June Qr. ..	17	9,931	605	10,536	26,379	82
Sept. Qr. ..	19	3,618	517	4,135	15,766	49
Dec. Qr. ..	16	9,516	1,179	10,695	64,900	230
1955—March Qr. ..	25	8,539	824	9,363	21,339	63
June Qr. ..	21	12,546	1,014	13,560	20,475	64
Sept. Qr. ..	9	3,888	265	4,153	78,338	240
Dec. Qr. ..	11	8,282	184	8,466	18,355	68
1956—March Qr. ..	23	16,540	1,317	17,857	85,545	302
June Qr. ..	7	5,287	110	5,397	10,114	33

(a) Persons thrown out of work at the establishments where the stoppage occurred but not themselves parties to the dispute.

Note.—The above statement has been compiled by the Commonwealth Statistician.

III.—PRICE INDEXES.

VICTORIA—"C" SERIES RETAIL PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS (COST OF FOOD, GROCERIES, HOUSING—4 AND 5 ROOMS, CLOTHING AND MISCELLANEOUS HOUSEHOLD REQUIREMENTS).

(Base: Weighted Average of Six Capital Cities of Australia, 1923-27 = 1,000.)

Period.	Melbourne.	Ballarat.	Bendigo.	Geelong.	Warrnam- bool.	Five Towns— Weighted Average.
November 1914 ..	671	..	..	..	..	..
„ 1921 ..	1,003	992	1,002	1,019	1,034	1,003
Year 1932 ..	813	776	808	794	838	811
„ 1939 ..	924	874	875	911	918	920
„ 1946 ..	1,149	1,094	1,107	1,124	1,153	1,145
„ 1947 ..	1,188	1,132	1,141	1,170	1,186	1,184
„ 1948 ..	1,294	1,243	1,244	1,278	1,283	1,290
„ 1949 ..	1,415	1,365	1,365	1,397	1,398	1,411
„ 1950 ..	1,565	1,509	1,520	1,549	1,558	1,561
„ 1951 ..	1,880	1,857	1,826	1,871	1,886	1,877
„ 1952 ..	2,170	2,147	2,139	2,154	2,205	2,168
„ 1953 ..	2,285	2,265	2,261	2,263	2,323	2,283
„ 1954 ..	2,288	2,272	2,266	2,268	2,345	2,286
„ 1955 ..	2,365	2,340	2,339	2,341	2,407	2,363
1954—March Quarter	2,301	2,288	2,278	2,278	2,356	2,299
June Quarter ..	2,295	2,283	2,271	2,272	2,350	2,293
September Qr.	2,273	2,257	2,254	2,257	2,332	2,272
December Qr.	2,281	2,258	2,261	2,265	2,340	2,279
1955—March Quarter	2,302	2,276	2,280	2,275	2,356	2,300
June Quarter..	2,329	2,310	2,310	2,319	2,381	2,328
September Qr.	2,392	2,365	2,359	2,363	2,419	2,389
December Qr.	2,436	2,408	2,406	2,407	2,472	2,433
1956—March Qr.	2,481	2,437	2,451	2,451	2,481	2,478
June Qr.	2,555	2,514	2,516	2,520	2,582	2,551

Note.—The above index has been computed by the Commonwealth Statistician.

MELBOURNE WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS.

The index of wholesale prices was first computed by the Commonwealth Statistician in 1912 and relates chiefly to basic materials and foods weighted in accordance with consumption in the years immediately preceding that date. Neither the component items nor the weighting have been varied. Consequently the index is a measure of changes in wholesale price levels based on usages which have altered substantially since the period on which the weighting was determined. As such it is useful as an indication of long-term trends on the assumption that the relative importance of component items remained constant. But it no longer serves as a measure of price variations from month to month or from year to year of commodities weighted in accordance with present-day consumption. A table relating to this index for varying periods from 1861 to 1950 is shown in issue No. 26 (March, 1953) of this publication. Particulars for subsequent years may be found in the "Labour Report" issued annually by the Commonwealth Statistician.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEX-NUMBERS—BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS.

Following a conference of Statisticians in 1930 an index by the Commonwealth Statistician has been computed from new data on prices and consumption. Both in contents and method of computation it differs from the Melbourne Index of Wholesale Prices referred to in the previous paragraph. The price quotations have in the main been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants, and, with a few important exceptions, from Melbourne sources. Apart from home-produced building materials and one or two minor commodities, however, the price movements may be taken as representative of fluctuations in wholesale prices of basic materials in most Australian markets. The weighting system adopted is based on average annual consumption during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base: Average 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.							Foodstuffs and Tobacco.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal.	Oils, Fats, and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (a)	Goods Principally Home Produced.	All Groups.
1928-29 Year ..	127	106	129	121	115	95	114	107	91	118	110
1931-32 ..	108	113	77	119	74	95	101	86	100	92	95
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	103	99	102	101
1945-46 ..	130	156	152	142	140	177	149	135	178	126	141
1946-47 ..	132	145	191	140	131	180	149	138	177	129	143
1947-48 ..	146	161	283	148	126	190	166	153	192	145	159
1948-49 ..	185	173	342	159	130	198	188	175	201	173	181
1949-50 ..	214	184	434	187	143	225	214	198	223	198	205
1950-51 ..	256	196	641	242	292	268	264	232	256	242	246
1951-52 ..	343	220	577	314	298	370	321	281	288	305	300
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	294	292	331	320
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	313	271	343	321
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	311	277	338	320
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	332	292	357	338
1954-55—											
July ..	384	217	569	313	183	358	327	308	266	337	316
April ..	397	214	496	315	271	387	335	314	283	341	324
May ..	396	214	497	315	294	389	337	318	283	344	326
June ..	396	214	485	315	306	398	338	324	287	348	330
1955-56—											
July ..	397	214	486	315	307	398	338	331	281	357	334
August ..	397	215	452	315	323	398	337	329	282	354	333
September ..	405	215	441	315	333	398	340	329	290	352	334
October ..	405	215	441	315	336	398	340	325	289	350	332
November ..	404	216	437	317	347	407	342	331	291	355	336
December ..	404	216	447	317	342	407	342	326	291	352	334
January ..	405	216	453	317	330	407	343	327	288	354	334
February ..	405	216	453	317	325	408	343	318	288	347	329
March ..	405	230	446	317	323	425	350	332	299	357	340
April ..	403	230	456	318	326	442	353	337	303	362	344
May ..	410	231	477	317	322	444	357	344	304	369	350
June ..	409	231	482	318	326	444	357	351	299	376	353

(a) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the wholesale price index. This index does not measure changes in price of imports generally.

IV.—COMMONWEALTH SOCIAL SERVICE AND REPATRIATION BENEFITS IN VICTORIA.

A.—SOCIAL SERVICE BENEFITS.

Period.	Pensioners at End of Period. (a)		Widows' Pensions (c) in Force at End of Period.		Maternity Allowances (d) Granted During Period.	Child Endowment. (f)	
	Age.	Invalid.	Main- taining a Child.	Not Main- taining a Child.		Claims Current at End of Period.	Endowed Children at End of Period.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1913-14 Year ..	27,150	4,844	..	..	(e)	..	..
1920-21	30,385	11,174	..	..	36,778	..	..
1930-31	49,999	19,925	..	..	32,241	..	..
1938-39	(b) 67,896	(b) 19,471	..	..	20,819	..	..
1949-50	84,831	14,328	3,892	7,168	49,035	168,904	(g) 452,333
1950-51	86,210	13,977	3,842	6,789	50,210	301,805	605,673
1951-52	87,845	13,973	3,724	6,498	52,144	317,591	642,693
1952-53	93,353	15,019	3,885	6,288	55,297	328,561	672,525
1953-54	98,210	15,882	3,885	5,942	54,219	339,022	699,220
1954-55	106,406	17,074	3,995	5,800	55,720	350,395	729,399
1955-56	112,649	18,113	4,343	5,903	58,385	361,848	760,667

(a) Excluding age and invalid pensioners in benevolent institutions.

(b) During 1939-40 all invalid pensions in force were specially reviewed and, at 30th June, 1940, all those pensioners who had become qualified for age pensions by age and residence were transferred to the age pensions list.

(c) Commenced from 1st July, 1942. Particulars exclude pensions payable to widows in benevolent institutions.

(d) The income restrictions imposed in 1931 and 1932 and modified in 1934, 1936, and 1937 were abolished as from 1st July, 1943.

(e) Not available.

(f) Commenced from 1st July, 1941. Particulars exclude endowed children in approved institutions.

(g) As from 20th June, 1950, endowment became payable in respect of all children under sixteen years of age in a family.

Period.				Unemployment Benefits.(a)		Sickness Benefits.(a)	
				Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)	Admissions During Period.	On Benefit at End of Period.(b)
				No.	No.	No.	No.
1945-46 Year ..	..	..	..	2,695	579	10,169	1,790
1946-47 .. ..	..	..	..	16,187	667	14,550	2,468
1947-48 .. ..	..	..	..	1,029	66	17,105	2,506
1948-49 .. ..	..	..	..	288	51	16,712	3,444
1949-50 .. ..	..	..	..	1,037	151	15,120	3,745
1950-51 .. ..	..	..	..	1,145	32	14,715	1,733
1951-52 .. ..	..	..	..	3,058	1,133	11,838	1,578
1952-53 .. ..	..	..	..	39,245	5,939	11,046	2,059
1953-54 .. ..	..	..	..	9,590	1,203	12,843	2,035
1954-55 .. ..	..	..	..	2,398	319	13,095	2,003
1955-56 .. ..	..	..	..	4,143	1,412	12,310	1,674

(a) Commenced from 1st July, 1945.

(b) As furnished by the DePartment of Social Services.

B.—REPATRIATION BENEFITS.

Period.	War Pensions.				Service Pensions.(a)	
	Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Dependants of Deceased Members of Forces.	Dependants of Incapacitated Members of Forces.	Total.	Members of Forces.	Dependants of Members of Forces.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
At 30th June—						
1921..	26,053	15,410	33,338	74,801	..	..
1931..	25,066	10,994	60,142	96,202	..	..
1939..	25,569	8,412	48,264	82,245	1,876	1,330
1948..	41,931	13,285	51,648	106,864	2,793	1,192
1949..	44,025	13,486	55,737	113,248	2,736	1,154
1950..	46,553	13,743	61,297	121,593	2,784	1,099
1951..	49,120	13,744	69,055	131,919	2,696	1,071
1952..	51,098	13,758	75,518	140,374	2,661	1,125
1953..	52,785	13,817	81,464	148,066	3,029	1,244
1954..	54,213	13,941	86,456	154,610	3,308	1,318
1955..	56,011	13,998	92,344	162,353	3,614	1,351
1956..	57,452	13,974	97,402	168,828	5,279	2,909

(a) Commenced from 1st January, 1936.

Note.—Particulars relate to war pensions in respect of 1914–1918 War, 1939–1945 War, and the Korean and Malayan operations, and to service pensions in respect of the South African War, 1914–1918 War, and 1939–1945 War.

V.—SHIPPING AND COMMERCE.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA AND INTERSTATE SHIPPING: VESSELS AND TONNAGE ENTERED AND CLEARED.

Period.	Oversea.				Interstate.(a)		Total.	
	Direct.		Via Other States.					
	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.	Vessels.	Net Tonnage.
Entered.								
1938-39 Year ..	188	'000 686	548	'000 3,100	2,243	'000 4,751	2,979	'000 8,537
1951-52 " ..	446	1,997	548	3,140	1,322	3,611	2,316	8,748
1952-53 " ..	314	1,370	585	3,322	1,549	3,934	2,448	8,626
1953-54 " ..	331	1,495	629	3,488	1,586	4,030	2,546	9,013
1954-55 " ..	452	2,103	711	3,790	1,555	4,059	2,718	9,952
1954-55—								
September Quarter..	106	480	162	905	375	895	643	2,280
December Quarter ..	120	552	178	957	377	1,012	675	2,521
March Quarter ..	122	572	181	955	402	1,052	705	2,579
June Quarter ..	104	499	190	973	401	1,100	695	2,572
1955-56—								
September Quarter..	122	607	169	870	442	1,099	733	2,576
December Quarter ..	117	601	166	896	324	543	607	2,040
March Quarter ..	111	610	172	966	314	951	597	2,527
Cleared.								
1938-39 Year ..	195	'000 757	495	'000 2,886	2,299	'000 4,837	2,989	'000 8,480
1951-52 " ..	377	1,699	403	2,413	1,548	4,728	2,328	8,840
1952-53 " ..	347	1,515	441	2,553	1,649	4,521	2,437	8,589
1953-54 " ..	343	1,534	458	2,648	1,740	4,828	2,541	9,010
1954-55 " ..	393	1,826	473	2,632	1,853	5,491	2,719	9,949
1954-55—								
September Quarter..	88	408	117	669	463	1,251	668	2,328
December Quarter ..	97	455	119	657	438	1,346	654	2,458
March Quarter ..	99	433	114	684	484	1,404	697	2,521
June Quarter ..	109	530	123	622	468	1,490	700	2,624
1955-56—								
September Quarter..	100	457	113	558	428	1,211	641	2,226
December Quarter ..	106	514	128	707	320	519	554	1,740
March Quarter ..	100	548	104	633	390	1,311	594	2,492

(a) Includes overseas vessels on interstate voyages.

OVERSEA TRADE—RECORDED VALUES OF IMPORTS INTO AND EXPORTS FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Compiled from information collected by the Department of Trade and Customs.)

Period.	Merchandise.	Bullion and Specie.	Total.
IMPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	43,857	551	44,408
1953	173,201	574	173,775
1954	237,281	399	237,680
1955	297,348	146	297,494
1956 (a)	299,296	53	299,349
EXPORTS.			
Year ended 30th June—	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
1939	28,388	2,431	30,819
1953	228,004	114	228,118
1954	203,528	53	203,581
1955	216,508	64	216,572
1956 (a)	209,519	36	209,555

(a) Subject to revision.

VALUES OF IMPORTS FROM OVERSEA COUNTRIES INTO VICTORIAN PORTS
(SUBJECT TO REVISION).

(Values are in Australian currency f.o.b. at port of shipment.)

Classification.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS	510	412	2,226	2,089
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN: NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.	2,821	1,886	12,631	7,499
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS	114	93	428	412
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF	878	485	7,422	6,938
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS	18	30	52	151
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOODSTUFFS	463	757	2,183	2,113
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	1,661	1,391	6,777	5,793
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL	12,296	10,069	48,784	44,895
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES	8,156	7,950	35,470	35,115
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	674	632	2,387	2,448
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, ETC.	661	516	2,582	2,575
CLASS XII.(a) — METALS AND MANU- FACTURES	19,195	17,794	69,814	70,652
CLASS XII.(b) — DYNAMO ELECTRICAL MACHINERY, APPLIANCES, EQUIPMENT, ETC.	2,623	2,870	7,692	9,364
CLASS XII.(c)—MACHINES AND MACHINERY (EXCEPT DYNAMO ELECTRICAL)	9,569	10,331	36,504	39,438
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	1,930	2,061	6,879	9,560
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER	1,201	928	4,532	4,052
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	1,372	982	5,115	4,506
CLASS XVI.(a)—PULP, PAPER, AND BOARD ..	2,648	2,642	11,081	10,910
CLASS XVI.(b)—PAPER MANUFACTURES AND STATIONERY	971	953	3,811	4,070
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY AND TIMEPIECES	788	639	3,494	3,354
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL, AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	766	680	2,760	2,837
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	1,998	1,983	7,806	8,378
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	5,944	4978	16,865	22,147
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER; BRONZE SPECIE	17	11	146	53
GRAND TOTAL	77,274	71,073	297,441	299,349

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS (SUBJECT TO REVISION).

Classification.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS I.—FOODSTUFFS OF ANIMAL ORIGIN NOT INCLUDING LIVE ANIMALS—				
Meats—				
Preserved by Cold Process—				
Beef	138	155	913	483
Lamb	300	309	6,280	4,756
Mutton	242	202	1,065	1,293
Pork	25	14	113	66
Poultry	20	4	101	49
Rabbits and Hares	396	536	1,008	1,372
Other	132	138	866	870
Preserved in Tins	1,687	1,364	7,002	5,643
Sausage Casings	372	400	1,408	1,548
Other	76	51	254	203
Butter	3,213	2,756	13,642	16,870
Cheese	501	683	3,361	1,955
Eggs	15	5	971	725
Milk and Cream	1,379	1,392	5,601	5,920
Other Animal Foodstuffs	331	417	933	893
Total, Class I.. .. .	8,827	8,426	43,518	42,646
CLASS II.—FOODSTUFFS OF VEGETABLE ORIGIN; NON-ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES, ETC.—				
Grains and Cereals—				
Unprepared—				
Wheat	3,370	2,932	15,201	9,907
Oats	254	308	614	1,263
Barley	533	805	1,163	1,353
Other	4	120	67	137
Prepared—				
Rice	38	60	212	423
Flour (Wheaten)	1,804	1,936	6,873	6,573
Oatmeal and Rolled Oats	84	27	226	235
Other	172	227	560	647
Fruits—				
Fresh	1,439	797	2,469	1,768
Dried	2,038	2,105	5,764	5,572
Preserved in liquid	4,388	4,370	9,801	8,681
Other Vegetable Foodstuffs	397	620	1,712	1,664
Total, Class II.	14,521	14,307	44,662	38,223
CLASS III.—SPIRITUOUS AND ALCOHOLIC LIQUORS				
	172	105	610	507
CLASS IV.—TOBACCO AND PREPARATIONS THEREOF				
	11	13	33	236
CLASS V.—LIVE ANIMALS.. .. .				
	9	19	88	53

VALUES OF PRINCIPAL ARTICLES EXPORTED TO OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM
VICTORIAN PORTS—*continued.*

Classification.	Quarter Ended 30th June—		Year Ended 30th June—	
	1955.	1956.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
CLASS VI.—ANIMAL SUBSTANCES, NOT FOOD-STUFFS—				
Hides and Skins—				
Rabbit and Hare	205	153	597	1,170
Calf, Cattle, and Horse	139	210	512	760
Sheep (with wool and without wool) ..	1,544	1,521	6,721	6,683
Other	6	4	21	18
Wool—				
Greasy	23,757	25,511	84,101	78,239
Scoured, Tops, and Waste	3,587	4,495	13,574	14,046
Other Animal Substances	9	14	75	90
Total, Class VI.	29,247	31,908	105,601	101,006
CLASS VII.—VEGETABLE SUBSTANCES AND FIBRES	80	44	304	181
CLASS VIII.—YARNS AND MANUFACTURED FIBRES, TEXTILES, AND APPAREL ..	247	305	815	873
CLASS IX.—OILS, FATS, AND WAXES ..	808	1,748	1,972	5,296
CLASS X.—PIGMENTS, PAINTS, AND VARNISHES	50	62	198	176
CLASS XI.—ROCKS, MINERALS, &C. ..	752	1,115	2,909	3,644
CLASS XII.—METALS, METAL MANUFACTURES AND MACHINERY	2,083	1,831	7,718	6,652
CLASS XIII.—RUBBER AND LEATHER AND MANUFACTURES THEREOF	267	420	1,380	1,501
CLASS XIV.—WOOD AND WICKER ..	52	56	184	193
CLASS XV.—EARTHENWARE, CEMENT, CHINA, GLASS, AND GLASSWARE	37	22	138	155
CLASS XVI.—PAPER AND STATIONERY ..	92	179	518	628
CLASS XVII.—FANCY GOODS, JEWELLERY, AND TIMEPIECES	52	63	227	225
CLASS XVIII.—OPTICAL, SURGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC INSTRUMENTS	120	123	458	446
CLASS XIX.—DRUGS, FERTILIZERS, AND CHEMICALS	335	456	1,577	2,231
CLASS XX.—MISCELLANEOUS	869	1,900	3,598	4,647
CLASS XXI.—GOLD AND SILVER: BRONZE SPECIE	10	3	64	36
Australian Produce	58,158	62,101	214,748	207,408
Other Produce	483	1,004	1,824	2,147
GRAND TOTAL	58,641	63,105	216,572	209,555

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES.

Imports from—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	71,429	113,159	133,950	129,187
Australian Territories	1,238	1,229	1,193	1,837
Borneo (British)	217	2,219	8,872	3,901
Canada	6,329	5,074	5,662	8,230
Ceylon	3,386	4,444	7,171	2,776
East Africa (British)	1,507	1,271	1,776	1,491
Hong Kong	101	384	666	735
India, Republic of	3,699	4,817	6,150	6,123
Malaya, Federation of	1,868	3,333	4,569	6,485
New Zealand	1,683	2,401	2,468	2,724
Pakistan	550	1,687	1,042	877
Rhodesia	1,151	1,352	1,978	1,604
Singapore	1,759	3,041	1,274	436
South Africa, Union of	1,081	917	1,690	1,260
Other British Possessions	1,331	1,468	1,954	1,351
Arabia—				
Bahrein Islands	4,689	5,494	4,195	2,311
Saudi Arabia, Yemen, Muscat and Oman, &c.	3,822	3,849	6,369	9,455
Austria	349	771	1,472	1,607
Belgium	1,628	2,432	3,389	3,229
Brazil	124	397	854	397
China	317	576	422	621
Czechoslovakia	371	747	821	1,092
Finland	354	810	1,602	1,353
France	4,544	5,766	4,815	5,421
Germany	5,094	9,607	13,304	14,807
Indonesia, Republic of	5,162	6,500	5,185	6,432
Iran (Persia)	73	11	454	6,565
Italy	1,731	4,322	5,123	4,803
Japan	2,345	2,634	6,559	8,131
Netherlands	2,269	3,341	5,902	4,733
Netherlands Antilles	665	69	362	948
Norway	504	1,181	1,532	1,665
Sweden	2,519	3,557	4,614	3,704
Switzerland	1,254	3,356	3,767	4,092
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	158	337	418	347
United States of America	33,031	27,565	35,744	36,592
Venezuela	702	423	403	746
Other Foreign Countries	1,503	2,452	4,174	5,580
Country not stated	24	33	46	43
Total (excluding Outside Packages)	170,561	233,026	291,941	293,691

(a) Subject to revision.

VICTORIA—OVERSEA TRADE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES—*continued.*

Exports to—	Year Ended 30th June—			
	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000	£A'000
United Kingdom	86,009	68,437	84,471	74,525
Australian Territories	792	1,119	1,803	1,991
Borneo (British)	283	369	559	619
Canada	4,015	3,038	3,325	3,564
Ceylon	8,115	4,792	3,018	2,809
Hong Kong	2,194	1,569	1,417	1,543
India, Republic of	5,081	2,832	5,998	4,687
Ireland, Republic of	2,128	866	1,059	317
Malaya, Federation of	4,420	3,795	3,657	3,205
Mauritius and Dependencies	725	835	615	310
New Zealand	7,954	8,822	10,053	10,598
Pakistan	1,049	828	822	731
Rhodesia, Northern and Southern	393	428	398	404
Singapore	3,694	3,103	3,441	4,528
South Africa, Union of	1,655	1,406	1,235	918
Other British Countries	3,960	2,746	3,342	3,250
Arabia	571	653	733	638
Belgium	6,029	5,067	6,049	4,563
Czechoslovakia	1,292	696	1,697	1,544
Egypt	1,120	1,007	446	691
France	23,451	21,330	21,182	21,654
Germany	4,779	6,420	9,855	7,447
Indonesia, Republic of	2,404	2,026	1,335	2,351
Italy	13,267	13,832	11,377	11,237
Japan	17,829	11,381	12,404	19,665
Mexico	757	1,156	1,789	1,547
Netherlands	1,240	1,745	2,124	1,164
Poland	1,175	842	1,386	1,680
Sweden	1,041	1,510	914	999
Switzerland	353	898	750	847
Union of Soviet Socialist Republics	444	10,497	153	..
United States of America	13,951	12,947	12,244	11,399
Other Foreign Countries	5,948	6,589	6,921	8,130
Total	228,118	203,581	216,572	209,555

(a) Subject to revision.

QUANTITIES AND VALUES OF THE PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES EXPORTED TO
OVERSEA COUNTRIES FROM VICTORIAN PORTS.

(Australian Currency Values.)

Commodity.			Year Ended 30th June—			
			1953.	1954.	1955.	1956. (a)
Wool—						
Greasy	{ '000 lb.	260,691	236,716	251,970	278,120	
	£'000	92,008	87,936	84,101	78,239	
Soured and Washed ..	{ '000 lb.	31,750	28,936	27,867	26,828	
	£'000	13,173	12,673	11,367	9,871	
Tops, Noils, and Waste ..	{ '000 lb.	8,904	6,279	6,361	10,799	
	£'000	3,023	2,507	2,207	4,175	
Butter	{ '000 lb.	42,129	38,484	80,297	107,542	
	£'000	7,674	6,986	13,642	16,870	
Wheat	{ tons	320,230	191,822	564,253	412,091	
	£'000	10,236	5,919	15,201	9,907	
Flour (wheaten) ..	{ '000 lb.	713,853	516,514	441,726	448,123	
	£'000	15,329	10,040	6,873	6,573	
Fruits—						
Dried	{ '000 lb.	113,620	104,210	113,395	102,384	
	£'000	5,315	4,857	5,764	5,572	
Fresh—						
Oranges.. ..	{ bushels	226,065	315,758	334,754	458,819	
	£'000	405	471	503	683	
Apples	{ bushels	106,310	118,724	112,966	89,338	
	£'000	179	161	155	123	
Pears	{ bushels	654,838	911,877	1,083,558	585,769	
	£'000	1,241	1,643	1,743	921	
Other Fresh Fruits ..	£'000	63	80	68	41	
Preserved in Liquid ..	{ '000 lb.	97,624	111,595	141,215	112,272	
	£'000	6,149	7,515	9,801	8,681	
Meats—						
Beef (chilled or frozen) ..	{ '000 lb.	3,454	8,696	10,359	4,396	
	£'000	315	641	913	483	
Lamb (frozen) ..	{ '000 lb.	52,164	22,774	58,397	50,468	
	£'000	3,494	1,782	6,280	4,756	
Mutton (frozen) ..	{ '000 lb.	43,855	24,488	22,337	21,434	
	£'000	1,426	836	1,065	1,293	
Pork (frozen) ..	{ '000 lb.	477	278	855	433	
	£'000	71	54	113	66	
Poultry (frozen) ..	£'000	523	140	101	49	
Rabbits and Hares (frozen) ..	£'000	1,986	1,105	1,008	1,372	
Preserved in Tins ..	{ '000 lb.	91,279	54,057	52,131	46,751	
	£'000	11,495	7,821	7,002	5,643	
Sausage Casings ..	£'000	1,177	958	1,408	1,548	
All Other Meats ..	£'000	942	748	1,204	1,073	
Milk and Cream ..	£'000	7,043	6,670	5,601	5,920	
Hides and Skins—						
Sheep (with wool) ..	{ '000 lb.	45,514	35,054	39,304	41,480	
	£'000	7,051	6,158	6,411	6,327	
Rabbit and Hare ..	{ '000 lb.	3,433	2,538	2,672	2,343	
	£'000	476	475	597	1,170	
Other Skins ..	£'000	1,035	1,002	843	1,134	
Tallow (inedible) ..	{ cwt.	173,636	192,477	143,088	354,432	
	£'000	627	675	620	1,443	
Eggs in shell ..	{ '000 doz.	4,733	2,024	3,368	2,544	
	£'000	1,001	447	493	382	
Eggs not in shell ..	£'000	646	1,064	478	343	
Cheese	{ '000 lb.	37,187	37,865	31,579	17,995	
	£'000	4,114	4,093	3,361	1,955	

(a) Subject to revision.

VI.—LAND TRANSPORT.

VICTORIA—RAILWAYS (EXCLUDING ELECTRIC TRAMWAYS AND ROAD MOTOR SERVICES UNDER THE CONTROL OF RAILWAY COMMISSIONERS).

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Average Mileage operated	4,754	4,678	4,574	4,458	(a)
Traffic Train Mileage—					
Passenger—Suburban '000	7,671	7,589	8,193	8,235	8,298
Country '000	4,764	4,343	4,616	4,615	4,677
Goods '000	5,455	5,758	5,494	5,890	5,660
Total '000	17,890	17,690	18,303	18,740	18,635
Passenger Journeys—Suburban '000	135,546	154,997	157,658	160,651	160,282
Country '000	6,578	7,860	8,447	8,553	6,427
Total '000	142,124	162,857	166,105	169,204	166,709
Goods Carried tons '000	5,250	8,580	8,622	9,508	9,127
Live Stock Carried tons '000	726	612	579	575	480
Gross Ton Mileage '000	4,734,904	5,814,354	6,088,695	6,429,202	6,262,338
Contents Ton Mileage—					
Goods (incl. Live Stock) '000	760,485	1,262,454	1,269,772	1,426,415	1,324,877
Average Haul per Ton—					
Goods (inc. Live Stock) miles	127·26	137·35	138·01	141·47	137·91

(a) Not yet available.

Particulars.	Traffic Train Mileage Year Ended 30th June, 1956.					
	Steam.	Electric Motor.	Rail Motor.	Electric Locomotive.	Diesel Electric Locomotive.	Total.
Passenger Trains—						
Suburban miles '000	21	8,197	80	..	..	8,298
Country miles '000	906	..	1,768	219	1,784	4,677
Goods Trains miles '000	3,379	2	..	675	1,604	5,600
Total Traffic Train Mileage miles '000	4,306	8,199	1,848	894	3,388	18,635

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Gross Revenue—					
Ordinary £'000	9,284	31,867	35,706	37,697	37,042
Recoup by State Treasury towards Interest, &c. £'000	..	1,795	1,931	2,144	..
Total Revenue £'000	9,284	33,662	37,637	39,841	37,042
Working Expenses (a) £'000	8,060	34,008	35,950	37,032	38,026
Net Earnings (b) £'000	1,224	—346	1,687	2,809	—984
Interest Charges, Exchange and Contributions to National Debt Sinking Fund, &c. £'000	2,168	2,428	2,591	2,848	3,180
Net Result for Year £'000	—944	—2,774	—904	—39	—4,164

(a) Including cost of pensions and Pay-roll Tax.

(b) Before the payment of capital charges, viz., interest, exchange, sinking fund, &c.

MELBOURNE AND METROPOLITAN TRAMWAYS BOARD.

Particulars.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Tramway Track Open—					
Double miles	(a) 127·3	128·8	129·6	129·6	138·4
Single miles	5·9	4·2	4·2	4·2	4·2
Motor Omnibus Route .. miles	48·6	68·9	64·1	64·1	62·5
Vehicle Mileage—					
Tramways '000	22,981	22,215	22,000	21,046	22,253
Motor Omnibuses '000	2,165	8,076	7,892	7,241	5,859
Passenger Journeys—					
Tramways '000	182,094	207,398	204,747	202,437	207,914
Motor Omnibuses '000	11,911	61,045	59,111	56,511	37,209
Revenue—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Traffic Receipts	2,305	6,635	6,598	6,443	7,155
Other	15	93	82	92	88
Total Revenue	2,320	6,728	6,680	6,535	7,243
Operating Expenses, Fixed Charges and Appropriations	2,318	6,818	6,929	6,968	7,956
Surplus on Operation	2	..	..	..	..
Deficit on Operation .. ..	..	90	249	433	713

(a) Including 7·94 miles of cable tramway. The cable tramway service ceased operation on 26th October, 1940.

VICTORIA—MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Commonwealth-owned vehicles and Defence Service vehicles.)

Period.				Motor Vehicles—				Motor Cycles.
				Private.	Commercial and Hire.	Primary Producers' (a).	Total.	
NEW REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39	Year	..	..	15,249	3,953	2,494	21,696	2,140
1951-52	"	..	..	42,258	13,776	8,461	64,495	5,387
1952-53	"	..	..	28,556	7,272	4,343	40,171	2,523
1953-54	"	..	..	36,258	7,957	3,801	48,016	2,482
1954-55	"	..	..	51,894	10,038	4,505	66,437	2,344
1955-56	"	..	..	52,860	11,898	4,567	69,325	2,356
RE-REGISTRATION OF USED VEHICLES.								
1938-39	Year	..	..	13,718	3,459	3,277	20,454	4,787
1951-52	"	..	..	19,248	5,624	3,855	28,727	6,303
1952-53	"	..	..	15,966	4,392	2,598	22,956	6,259
1953-54	"	..	..	14,356	3,914	2,358	20,628	5,195
1954-55	"	..	..	19,907	5,030	3,630	28,567	5,342
1955-56	"	..	..	19,628	4,594	3,375	27,597	5,342
RENEWALS OF REGISTRATION.								
1938-39	Year	..	..	122,164	28,750	41,656	192,570	19,771
1951-52	"	..	..	280,997	71,614	46,011	398,622	25,506
1952-53	"	..	..	326,348	75,774	37,020	439,142	24,655
1953-54	"	..	..	342,039	74,173	39,339	455,551	23,163
1954-55	"	..	..	378,860	78,514	43,331	500,705	21,464
1955-56	"	..	..	420,523	81,741	45,563	547,827	19,934
TOTAL REGISTRATIONS.								
1938-39	Year	..	..	151,131	36,162	47,427	234,720	26,698
1951-52	"	..	..	342,503	91,014	58,327	491,844	37,196
1952-53	"	..	..	370,870	87,438	43,961	502,269	33,437
1953-54	"	..	..	392,653	86,044	45,498	524,195	30,840
1954-55	"	..	..	450,661	93,582	51,466	595,709	29,150
1955-56	"	..	..	493,011	98,233	53,505	644,749	27,632

(a) Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' vehicles included private cars and commercial vehicles, but since that date only vehicles, constructed for the carriage of goods and used by primary producers solely in connection with their business, are included under this heading.

VICTORIA—TRANSPORT BOARD LICENCES AND PERMITS.

Type of Licence or Permit.	Licences in Force at 30th June—			
	1939.	1954.	1955.	1956.
Temporary Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	79	72	62	41
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,098	1,737	1,535	1,034
Total, Temporary Licences	1,177	1,809	1,597	1,075
Permanent "Discretionary" Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	976	5,282	5,270(b)	5,543
Commercial Goods Vehicles	1,894	2,748(b)	2,768	3,015
Total, "Discretionary" Licences	2,870	8,030(b)	8,038(b)	8,558
Licences Issued "As of Right"—				
To operate for hire or reward—				
Within 25 miles of Melbourne	4,751	9,529	10,181	10,762
Within 25 miles of Ballarat, Bendigo, or Geelong	439	1,232	1,317	1,441
Within 20 miles of places of business of owners generally outside radius of Melbourne, Ballarat, Bendigo, and Geelong	4,203	8,227	8,219	8,390
Primary Producers	699	9,991	10,770	10,920
Commercial Goods Vehicles owned by Butter and Cheese Factories	297	669	744	765
Ancillary Carriers	20,062	25,115	25,385	25,095
Vehicles carrying Third Schedule Goods, Racecourse Floats, Petroleum Tank Wagons, and Commercial Travellers' Vehicles	914	7,193	7,791	7,097
Total, "As of Right"	31,365	61,956	64,407	64,470
Additional Licences to Commercial Goods Vehicles to Carry				
Passengers	558	170	138	118
Aircraft Licences .. .. .	..	1	35	..
Grand Total Licences	35,970	71,966(b)	74,215(b)	74,221
Permits to operate temporarily outside the conditions of the Licences—				
Commercial Passenger Vehicles	(a)	7,777(b)	8,602	7,949
Commercial Goods Vehicles	(a)	86,905	84,668	83,049(c)
Total Permits	(a)	94,682(b)	93,270	90,998

(a) Not available. (b) Revised.

(c) Because of revised accounting methods this figure is not strictly comparable with figures for earlier years.

VICTORIA—TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS.

(As reported to the Police.)

Period.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.	Accidents in which Persons were Killed or Injured.	Persons Killed.	Persons Injured.
	<i>City of Melbourne (a)</i>			<i>Outside Metropolitan Area.</i>		
1938-39 Year ..	1,470	47	1,593	1,558	194	1,973
1951-52	1,373	49	1,602	3,783	340	5,179
1952-53	1,310	42	1,525	4,048	300	5,460
1953-54	1,086	28	1,248	4,251	315	5,858
1954-55	1,108	38	1,282	3,999	287	5,516
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	333	17	360	748	50	1,022
December Quarter ..	278	8	319	992	67	1,327
March Quarter ..	213	6	250	1,032	90	1,461
June Quarter ..	284	7	353	1,227	80	1,706
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	231	7	250	1,029	94	1,413
December Quarter ..	247	5	285	1,010	81	1,473
March Quarter ..	319	9	363	1,167	89	1,556
	<i>Metropolitan Area (excluding City of Melbourne).</i>			<i>Total—Victoria.</i>		
1938-39 Year ..	3,508	177	3,862	6,536	418	7,428
1951-52	4,955	214	5,750	10,111	603	12,531
1952-53	4,740	173	5,579	10,098	515	12,564
1953-54	4,785	148	5,701	10,122	491	12,807
1954-55	5,110	203	6,035	10,217	528	12,833
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	1,350	54	1,574	2,431	121	2,956
December Quarter ..	1,235	48	1,485	2,505	123	3,131
March Quarter ..	1,093	29	1,331	2,338	125	3,042
June Quarter ..	1,432	72	1,645	2,943	159	3,704
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	1,288	51	1,553	2,548	152	3,216
December Quarter ..	1,325	26	1,650	2,582	112	3,408
March Quarter ..	1,211	35	1,465	2,697	133	3,384

(a) Municipality of the City of Melbourne.

VII.—FINANCE.

VICTORIA—CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Revenue.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Taxation (a)	10,085	12,232	14,364	17,206	20,861
Railways	9,349	24,226	31,520	35,698	37,522
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings ..	2,300	4,805	5,179	5,393	6,343
Land	387	1,889	2,663	2,683	2,259
Interest n.e.i.	1,881	2,267	2,641	3,054	3,664
Commonwealth Payments—					
Under Financial Agreement	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127	2,127
States Grants (Tax Reimbursement) Act ..	..	20,347	26,028	29,352	32,397
States Grants (Administration of Controls) Act ..	..	220	262	..	..
States Grants (Special Assistance) Act ..	..	9,124	7,131	5,622	4,959
All other Revenue	857	4,275	4,934	5,470	6,484
Total Revenue	26,986	81,512	96,849	106,605	116,616
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Revenue per Head of Population	14 8 3	35 5 9	40 16 5	44 0 0	46 17 4

(a) For details see page 26.

VICTORIA—EXPENDITURE FROM CONSOLIDATED REVENUE.

Heads of Expenditure.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Debt Charges—					
Interest on Funded Debt	6,640	8,157	9,067	10,760	12,972
Exchange on Interest Payments	669	578	575	559	533
Sinking Fund Contributions	859	2,265	2,587	2,928	3,187
Other	62	74	69	80	90
Railways	7,694	28,275	32,976	34,465	35,445
Other Business and Industrial Undertakings	980	3,367	4,025	4,180	4,133
Education	3,123	13,230	15,987	17,391	19,423
Public Health	143	786	947	1,078	1,117
Hospitals	1,054	9,688	10,570	11,601	14,574
Other Charities (a)	2,302	1,837	2,417	2,867	3,559
Law, Order, and Public Safety	1,285	5,236	5,736	6,005	6,377
All other Expenditure	2,962	10,425	12,258	13,980	13,869
Total Expenditure	27,773	83,918	97,214	105,894	115,279
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Total Expenditure per Head of Population	14 16 8	36 6 7	40 19 6	43 14 1	46 6 7

(a) Including contributions to Unemployment Relief Fund.

VICTORIA—STATE TAXATION.

Tax.	Year Ended 30th June—				
	1939.	1952.	1953.	1954.	1955.
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
State Taxation Collections—					
Income Taxes (a)	6,251	29	57	27	22
Land Tax	482	876	1,370	2,016	2,625
Probate Duty	1,374	3,874	4,833	5,387	6,305
Stamp Duties, n.e.i.	960	3,321	3,206	3,685	4,171
Motor Taxation	1,914	5,215	5,455	5,883	6,330
Racing Taxation	391(b)	2,113	2,254	2,451	2,100
Entertainments Tax (excluding Racing)	286	..	..	656	996
Liquor Licences	255	1,323	1,761	1,963	2,108
Lotteries (Tattersall Duty) .. ..	..	..	..	..	2,598
All other Taxes	110	192	221	232	242
Paid to Consolidated Revenue	10,085	12,232	14,364	17,206	20,861
Paid to Special Funds	1,938	4,711	4,793	5,094	6,636
Total State Collections	12,023	16,943	19,157	22,300	27,497
Tax Reimbursement by Com- monwealth .. ..	..	20,347	26,028	29,352	32,397
Grand Total	12,023	37,290	45,185	51,652	59,894
Per head of Population—	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
State Collections	6 8 5	7 6 9	8 1 6	9 4 1	11 1 0
Commonwealth Reimbursement	..	8 16 2	10 19 5	12 2 3	13 0 5
Total	6 8 5	16 2 11	19 0 11	21 6 4	24 1 5

(a) Including Unemployment Relief Tax.

(b) Including Entertainments Tax on horse and dog racing.

VICTORIA—STATE EXPENDITURE FROM LOAN FUNDS AND ON ACCOUNT OF LOANS.

Heads of Expenditure.	During Year Ended 30th June—			Total to 30th June, 1955.
	1953.	1954.	1955.	
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Public Works—				
Railways—				
As reduced	7,100	8,839	8,183	97,645
Transferred .. ..	..	..	..	29,135
Roads and Bridges	1,219	1,537	1,126	19,307
Water Supply and Sewerage	7,000	8,572	9,565	85,544
Electricity Supply	7,000	6,000	2,000	43,089
Public Buildings—				
Schools	3,382	4,845	5,374	30,585
Hospitals	3,640	5,390	4,790	23,097
Other	841	753	1,070	6,585
Housing	1,222	41	147	9,960
Unemployment Relief .. ..	..	..	..	13,147
Other Public Works	1,041	691	573	9,280
Primary Production—				
Land Settlement (a)	4,650	4,923	4,999	84,723
Advances to Settlers (b)	1	..	..	3,765
Wire Netting Advances	32	2	..	1,042
Bulk Handling of Wheat .. ..	..	250	..	1,404
Forestry	787	900	899	13,981
Mining (including State Coal Mine)	16	5	7	852
Other Primary Production	88	75	69	1,896
Coal (Overseas Purchase)	Cr. 27	..	..	1,960
Gas and Fuel Corporation	2,455	1,995	1,195	10,589
Rural Finance Corporation	900	700	800	4,819
Other Purposes	228	146	155	1,547
Total Public Works, &c.	41,575	45,664	40,952	493,952
In Aid of Revenue	2,400	..	..	15,455
Grand Total	43,975	45,664	40,952	509,407

(a) Including Soldier Settlement.

(b) Including Drought Relief.

VICTORIA—STATE PUBLIC DEBT.

At 30th June—	Repayable in—			Total.	Total Public Debt per Head of Population.
	London.	New York.	Australia.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1914	39,275	..	26,856	66,131	46 10 1
1919	43,400	..	39,994	83,394	56 11 8
1929	63,398	4,658	91,497	159,553	90 5 4
1939	62,498	4,499	112,701	179,698	95 13 3
1954	44,908	3,600	328,456	376,964	153 14 4
1955	44,777	3,176	363,246	411,199	162 19 7
1956	44,705	3,430	397,578	445,713	171 1 10

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS (a)—AVERAGE DEPOSITS AND ADVANCES IN VICTORIA.

Period.	Deposits—			Advances.	Ratio of Advances to Total Deposits.
	Bearing Interest.	Not Bearing Interest.	Total.		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	%
Year 1951-52	94,332	329,236	423,568	228,984	54·06
„ 1952-53	83,297	321,396	404,693	224,091	55·37
„ 1953-54	90,784	353,742	444,526	218,046	49·05
„ 1954-55	105,717	367,752	473,469	249,129	52·62
„ 1955-56	104,128	370,587	474,715	263,064	55·42
Quarter ended June, 1955	108,150	380,869	489,019	260,493	53·27
„ „ September, 1955	103,564	359,843	463,407	265,182	57·22
„ „ December, 1955	104,667	373,398	478,065	265,795	55·60
„ „ March, 1956	105,997	380,275	486,272	257,838	53·02
„ „ June, 1956	102,326	369,047	471,373	263,651	55·93
1955—Month of April	104,501	389,315	493,816	258,468	52·34
„ „ May	111,259	380,124	491,383	260,013	52·91
„ „ June	108,583	374,707	483,290	262,497	54·31
1956—Month of April	100,259	384,016	484,275	262,895	54·29
„ „ May	102,634	364,787	467,421	265,639	56·83
„ „ June	104,008	359,404	463,412	261,923	56·52

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under *Banking Act* 1945. Includes seven Private Trading Banks; Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd.; Bank of New Zealand; Comptoir National d'Escompte de Paris; and the Commonwealth Trading Bank of Australia which on 3rd December, 1953, took over the business of the General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank of Australia. Average deposits and advances at close of business on Wednesdays in periods.

MELBOURNE BANKS' CLEARING HOUSE.

Period.						Total Amount Cleared.
						£'000
1929 Year .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	814,668
1939 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	864,631
1951 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,600,401
1952 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,204,105
1953 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,275,071
1954 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	4,840,422
1955 .. ..	..	..	..	..	..	5,167,301
1954—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,104,652
June Quarter ..	..	..	..	..	..	1,309,519
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,158,432
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,267,819
1955—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,189,412
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,369,883
September Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,209,314
December Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,398,692
1956—March Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,222,199
June Quarter	..	..	..	..	..	1,473,267

SAVINGS BANKS—DEPOSITS IN VICTORIA.

Period.				Deposits—				Total Deposits per Head of Population.
				State Savings Bank. (a)	Common- wealth Savings Bank.	Other Savings Banks. (b)	Total.	
At 30th June—				£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
1929 .. ..	..	..	..	66,130	6,577	..	72,707	41 2 2
1931 .. ..	..	..	..	57,138	6,104	..	63,242	35 2 10
1939 .. ..	..	..	..	69,219	11,242	..	80,461	42 15 4
1950 .. ..	..	..	..	198,680	58,441	..	257,121	116 14 5
1951 .. ..	..	..	..	213,687	68,092	..	281,779	124 3 5
1952 .. ..	..	..	..	224,347	76,485	..	300,832	128 16 2
1953 .. ..	..	..	..	234,834	85,137	..	319,971	134 4 0
1954 .. ..	..	..	..	245,607	94,174	..	339,781	138 15 2
1955 .. ..	..	..	..	260,150	104,597	..	364,747	144 11 4
1956 .. ..	..	..	..	264,317	110,215	11,644	386,176	148 4 9

(a) Includes School Bank and Deposit Stock Accounts.

(b) On last Wednesday in month.

VICTORIA—RETAIL SALES: HIRE-PURCHASE AGREEMENTS ENTERED INTO BY
FINANCE COMPANIES.

(The statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves.)

Period. (Quarter ended.)	New Agreements made during Period—				Balances Outstanding at End of Period. (a)
	Motor Vehicles.	Plant and Machinery.	Household and Personal Goods.	Total (All Goods).	
NUMBER OF AGREEMENTS.					
1954—March	12,655	515	32,066	45,236	..
June	14,711	662	31,435	46,808	..
September	15,680	903	34,927	51,510	..
December	17,279	1,114	43,921	62,314	..
1955—March	15,649	953	38,434	55,036	..
June	18,512	1,009	35,477	54,998	..
September	19,841	1,060	37,584	58,485	..
December	21,215	1,597	43,303	66,115	..
1956—March	18,529	1,183	41,289	61,001	..
June	18,730	1,167	33,942	53,839	..
VALUE OF GOODS (b) (£'000).					
1954—March	8,118	409	2,544	11,071	..
June	10,132	694	2,141	12,967	..
September	10,923	541	2,541	14,005	..
December	12,376	664	3,419	16,459	..
1955—March	11,626	602	3,118	15,346	..
June	13,471	505	2,593	16,569	..
September	14,545	548	2,921	18,014	..
December	15,443	1,078	3,753	20,274	..
1956—March	13,248	716	3,683	17,647	..
June	14,469	794	2,531	17,794	..
AMOUNT FINANCED (c) (£'000).					
1954—March	4,806	237	1,989	7,032	27,623
June	6,243	446	1,751	8,440	30,819
September	6,395	324	2,052	8,771	34,248
December	7,374	407	2,776	10,557	38,860
1955—March	6,839	366	2,578	9,783	41,824
June	8,051	302	2,084	10,437	44,555
September	8,745	328	2,415	11,488	48,236
December	9,465	665	3,069	13,199	53,115
1956—March	7,959	430	2,955	11,344	54,948
June	8,649	483	2,044	11,176	55,645

(a) Balances on agreements entered into during the quarter or at any time previously and include hiring charges and insurance.

(b) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(c) Excluding hiring charges and insurance.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED.

Period.	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total Mortgages. (a)	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
1955 Year	31,886	51,998	1,325	23,555	33,211	75,553
1955—						
March Quarter ..	6,693	10,773	282	4,183	6,975	14,956
June Quarter ..	7,963	12,882	322	7,233	8,285	20,115
September Quarter ..	8,357	13,443	371	6,294	8,728	19,737
December Quarter ..	8,873	14,900	350	5,845	9,223	20,745
1956—						
March Quarter ..	7,315	12,323	346	6,618	7,661	18,941
June Quarter ..	8,120	13,879	424	7,218	8,544	21,097

(a) Excluding mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts which numbered 7,858 during the year 1955.

VICTORIA—MORTGAGES OF REAL ESTATE LODGED DURING THE SIX MONTHS ENDED 30TH JUNE, 1956.

(Lodgings under Transfer of Land Acts and Property Law Act.)

Type of Mortgagee.	Mortgages.					
	Under £5,000.		£5,000 and Over.		Total.	
	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.	Number.	Amount.
		£'000		£'000		£'000
Banks (a)	3,872	7,312	28	327	3,900	7,639
Building Societies	658	990	..	..	658	990
Co-operative Housing Societies	1,395	2,729	..	..	1,395	2,729
Friendly Societies	20	32	..	..	20	32
Insurance Companies ..	924	2,101	151	5,599	1,075	7,700
Commonwealth and State Government Institutions (b) ..	1,785	3,685	63	514	1,848	4,199
Trustee Institutions	70	177	19	2,638	89	2,815
Other Mortgagees	6,711	9,176	509	4,758	7,220	13,934
Total	15,435	26,202	770	13,836	16,205	40,038
	%	%	%	%	%	%
Proportion of Total Mortgages	95·3	65·4	4·7	34·6	100·0	100·0

(a) Including Commonwealth Bank (all Departments), State Savings Bank, &c., but excluding 2,539 mortgages to Trading Banks to secure overdrafts on current accounts.

(b) Including Rural Finance Corporation, Soldier Settlement Commission and War Service Homes Division of the Department of Social Services.

VICTORIA—COMPANIES REGISTERED UNDER COMPANIES ACT.

Particulars.	Year Ended 31st December—				Six Months Ended 30th June, 1956.
	1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.	
Number registered during period—					
Victorian Trading	537	1,109	1,521	1,937	1,039
Foreign	37	107	116	141	73
Mining	28	8	15	3	1
Total	602	1,224	1,652	2,081	1,113
Nominal Capital of Companies registered during period—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	17,302	63,640	104,166	96,189	37,679
Foreign	8,975	33,682	39,099	91,670	80,205
Mining .. ..	..	805	82	11	..
Number of Existing Companies at end of period—					
Victorian Trading	10,229	14,093	14,983	16,573	17,702
Foreign	643	1,256	1,306	1,420	1,483
Increase during the period in nominal Capital of Existing Companies—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Victorian Trading	6,854	61,205	118,829	90,997	36,434
Mining	1,097	1,692	11,899	1,999	500

VIII.—PRODUCTION.

VICTORIA—RAINFALL, YEARLY AND MONTHLY RECORDS AND MEANS.

Period.	Districts.								Whole State—Weighted Average.
	Mallee.	Wimmera.	Northern.	North-Central.	North-Eastern.	Western.	Central.	Gipps-land.	
	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.	Inches.
Averages 1911-1940 (a)	12·49	17·52	18·06	27·06	34·81	27·53	29·64	33·47	24·28
Year—									
1951 ..	12·09	19·61	20·26	31·87	37·45	33·32	34·71	41·78	27·91
1952 ..	15·22	21·87	21·86	35·56	46·24	39·30	40·66	48·71	32·75
1953 ..	12·27	19·62	16·81	28·69	35·57	30·40	30·75	35·29	25·38
1954 ..	13·41	17·68	21·22	29·88	35·58	25·92	30·93	34·02	25·02
1955 ..	17·68	22·44	26·00	35·99	49·05	32·40	34·12	33·86	30·24
1955—									
January ..	0·08	0·25	0·80	0·93	1·86	0·82	1·11	0·86	0·77
February ..	2·86	2·39	4·82	3·82	4·47	2·28	3·30	3·30	3·28
March ..	1·14	0·88	1·69	1·38	4·04	0·93	2·39	2·16	1·77
April ..	0·20	0·97	0·28	0·78	0·66	2·24	1·63	1·38	1·01
May ..	1·97	2·23	2·26	2·75	3·66	2·72	2·92	2·92	2·66
June ..	2·83	3·95	2·91	4·78	5·15	4·05	3·30	2·64	3·58
Six Months of 1955 ..	9·08	10·67	12·76	14·44	18·90	13·98	14·65	13·26	13·07
1956—									
January ..	0·65	0·72	2·25	2·97	5·11	1·46	3·09	5·24	2·55
February ..	0·07	0·06	0·39	0·18	0·88	0·12	0·15	0·96	0·37
March ..	3·26	3·22	4·98	3·47	6·35	3·07	2·32	3·52	3·79
April ..	1·67	2·55	3·09	4·75	7·82	4·14	2·82	2·85	3·54
May ..	4·13	4·01	5·54	6·57	6·31	3·36	5·32	6·60	5·03
June ..	1·46	2·91	2·51	3·90	6·26	4·52	2·40	4·38	3·51
Six Months of 1956 ..	11·24	13·47	18·76	21·84	32·73	16·67	16·10	23·55	18·79

(a) Averages for a standard 30 years' period, 1911-1940.

VICTORIA—WHEAT AREAS AND YIELDS IN COUNTIES FOR SEASON 1955-56.

Districts and Counties.				Area.	Production.	Average Production per Acre.	District Average Production per Acre.
				Acres.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
Central ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	20·31
Grant	..	..	..	7,524	149,117	19·82	..
North-Central	..	..	..	..	..	..	17·33
Talbot	..	..	..	9,969	175,503	17·60	..
Western	..	..	..	..	..	..	20·31
Grenville	..	..	..	4,495	78,862	17·54	..
Hampden	..	..	..	5,870	82,490	14·05	..
Ripon	..	..	..	19,532	454,086	23·25	..
Wimmera	..	..	..	..	..	..	23·20
Lowan	..	..	..	135,974	2,837,078	20·86	..
Borong	..	..	..	423,352	10,115,720	23·89	..
Kara Kara	..	..	..	120,181	2,811,902	23·40	..
Mallee ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	17·32
Millewa	..	..	..	57,765	734,490	12·72	..
Weeah	..	..	..	104,903	1,404,165	13·39	..
Karkaroo	..	..	..	554,466	9,172,480	16·54	..
Tatchera	..	..	..	340,048	6,996,368	20·57	..
Northern	..	..	..	..	..	..	17·10
Gunbower	..	..	..	9,207	148,657	16·15	..
Gladstone	..	..	..	83,573	1,533,788	18·35	..
Bendigo	..	..	..	60,857	1,011,397	16·62	..
Rodney	..	..	..	28,145	508,461	18·07	..
Moir ..	..	..	..	147,896	2,434,983	16·46	..
North-Eastern	..	..	..	..	..	..	14·31
Bogong	..	..	..	18,496	272,526	14·73	..
Gippsland	..	..	..	..	..	..	25·06
Tanjil	..	..	..	1,234	31,096	25·20	..
Remaining Counties	..	..	..	7,923	129,902	16·40	..
Grain ..	..	..	..	2,141,410	41,083,071	19·19	..
Hay ..	..	..	..	33,003	..	..	..
Total	..	..	..	2,174,413	..	..	..

VICTORIA—ACREAGE, PRODUCTION, AND AVERAGE YIELD OF PRINCIPAL CROPS.

Season.	For Grain—			Hay.	Potatoes.	Grapes for Drying (a).	Fruit (b).
	Wheat.	Oats.	Barley.				
Area of Crops.							
	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.	Acres.
1951-52 ..	2,463,574	676,503	186,224	640,418	42,108	34,633	55,376
1952-53 ..	2,232,097	756,129	234,597	752,932	52,851	35,706	52,729
1953-54 ..	2,389,304	583,075	374,555	807,223	52,745	35,735	52,519
1954-55 ..	2,390,173	644,444	280,595	739,099	44,075	35,921	52,468
1955-56 ..	2,141,410	871,068	309,111	(c) 879,288	(d) 37,747	(e)	(e)
Total Production.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f)	
1951-52 ..	45,994,752	11,151,260	3,619,576	1,046,764	178,399	48,692	..
1952-53 ..	50,334,634	12,599,050	4,734,175	1,245,217	133,148	61,687	..
1953-54 ..	53,697,611	9,851,708	7,932,103	1,360,662	213,714	55,742	..
1954-55 ..	48,484,543	10,020,742	4,945,720	1,207,679	206,577	54,042	..
1955-56 ..	41,083,071	14,858,117	6,876,861	1,525,997	(e)	(e)	..
Average Yield per Acre.							
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons (f)	
1951-52 ..	18·67	16·48	19·44	1·63	4·24	1·41	..
1952-53 ..	22·55	16·66	20·18	1·65	2·52	1·73	..
1953-54 ..	22·47	16·90	21·18	1·69	4·05	1·56	..
1954-55 ..	20·28	15·55	17·63	1·63	4·69	1·50	..
1955-56 ..	19·19	17·06	22·25	1·74	(e)	(e)	..

(a) Excluding table grapes, wine grapes and unproductive vines, the area of which in 1954-55 amounted to 1,927, 5,081, and 2,828 acres respectively.

(b) Productive orchards only. The area of unproductive orchards in 1954-55 was 13,623 acres. Owing to the varying units of quantity, total production cannot be conveniently shown in this statement (See *Victorian Year-Book*).

(c) Including wheaten 33,003 acres and oats 198,873 acres.

(d) Subject to revision.

(e) Not yet available.

(f) Weight of dried produce.

VICTORIA—VARIETIES OF WHEAT SOWN FOR GRAIN AND HAY IN 1955.

Variety.		Area (Actual).	Percentage of Total Area.
		Acres.	%
Insignia ..	..	1,072,131	49·31
Pinnacle ..	..	537,148	24·70
Quadrat ..	..	333,881	15·35
Sherpa ..	..	69,979	3·22
Magnet ..	..	42,462	1·95
Bencubbin ..	..	30,059	1·38
Gabo ..	..	29,369	1·35
Baldmin ..	..	20,456	0·94
Pindar ..	..	8,981	0·41
Ghurka ..	..	4,571	0·21
Bungulla ..	..	4,179	0·19
Insignia 49 ..	..	2,936	0·14
Koorda ..	..	2,450	0·11
Javelin ..	..	1,693	0·08
Kendee ..	..	1,631	0·08
Turvey ..	..	984	0·05
Sabre ..	..	966	0·04
Blue Stem ..	..	943	0·04
Glueclub ..	..	861	0·04
Bobin ..	..	847	0·04
Diadem ..	..	735	0·03
Warigo ..	..	592	0·03
Regalia ..	..	547	0·03
Rajah ..	..	426	0·02
Federation ..	..	351	0·02
Gluyas ..	..	298	0·01
Scimitar ..	..	269	0·01
Sepoy ..	..	246	0·01
Javelin 48 ..	..	176	0·01
Eureka ..	..	166	0·01
All other varieties and unknown seed ..	..	4,080	0·19
Total ..		2,174,413	100·00

LIVE STOCK IN VICTORIA.

At 31st March—			Horses.	Cattle.			Pigs.	Sheep.
				All Dairy Cattle.	Beef Cattle.	Total.		
			No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
1951	..	..	186,415	1,489,393	726,860	2,216,253	237,127	20,011,933
1952	..	..	169,246	1,438,523	776,007	2,214,530	213,670	21,537,220
1953	..	..	153,662	1,476,980	820,228	2,297,208	182,824	21,368,196
1954	..	..	140,818	1,552,968	817,216	2,370,184	232,384	21,438,007
1955	..	..	132,172	1,612,910	843,393	2,456,303	263,666	22,329,515
1956	..	..	118,705	1,662,548	954,039	2,616,587	227,223	(a)23,343,212

(a) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,339,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—WOOL PRODUCTION AND VALUE.

Season.			Clip.	Stripped from and Exported on Skins, &c. (Greasy).	Total Quantity (Greasy).	Gross Value.	Average Price per lb. (a)
			'000 lb.	'000 lb.	'000 lb.	£'000	d.
1950-51	..	..	193,211	25,055	218,266	132,946	146·18
1951-52	..	..	201,776	23,182	224,958	63,638	67·89
1952-53	..	..	214,035	38,160	252,195	78,761	74·95
1953-54	..	..	192,184	31,297	223,481	73,384	78·81
1954-55	..	..	219,517	33,847	253,364	75,125	71·16
1955-56	..	..	(b)231,598	(c)	(c)	(c)	(c)

(a) Includes value of wool stripped from and exported on skins.

(b) Subject to revision.

(c) Not yet available.

DAIRY CATTLE IN VICTORIA.

District.	Dairy Cows.			Other Heifers.	Calves.	Bulls.	Culled Cattle. (a)	Total Dairy Cattle.
	Milking Cows.	Dry Cows.	Springing Heifers.					
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	144,760	54,104	16,663	38,283	39,684	7,322	..	300,816
North-Central ..	18,561	8,889	2,950	6,639	7,786	1,270	..	46,095
Western ..	152,284	102,013	24,415	52,338	47,285	10,298	..	388,633
Wimmera ..	12,235	7,393	2,271	3,799	5,655	1,552	..	32,905
Mallee ..	13,954	4,871	2,059	3,637	5,237	1,072	..	30,830
Northern ..	134,033	31,782	15,121	35,289	44,098	7,198	..	267,521
North-Eastern ..	68,656	31,890	16,850	16,872	27,005	3,947	..	165,220
Gippsland ..	235,649	50,363	19,827	51,861	62,442	10,386	..	430,528
Totals at 31st March, 1956	780,132	291,305	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	..	1,662,548
Totals at 31st March—								
1952 ..	655,127	259,682	78,392	197,595	210,758	36,969	..	1,438,523
1953 ..	673,975	273,086	77,242	193,141	220,273	39,263	..	1,476,980
1954 ..	685,084	302,261	87,228	199,404	225,802	40,951	12,238	1,552,968
1955 ..	757,080	268,153	91,313	208,314	233,804	41,057	13,189	1,612,910
1956 ..	780,132	291,305	100,156	208,718	239,192	43,045	..	1,662,548

(a) Collected as such only in 1954 and 1955.

VICTORIA—SHEEP AND LAMBS.

District.	One Year Old and Upwards.				Under One Year Lambs.	Total Sheep and Lambs.
	Rams.	Breeding Ewes. (a).	Other Ewes.	Wethers.		
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Central ..	25,800	972,432	81,847	596,367	354,030	2,030,476
North-Central ..	18,935	750,998	58,707	626,571	291,864	1,747,075
Western ..	88,202	3,044,755	489,202	2,434,515	1,511,224	7,567,898
Wimmera ..	38,119	1,489,569	168,113	1,285,464	734,852	3,716,117
Mallee ..	16,816	853,743	20,437	217,536	342,737	1,451,269
Northern ..	52,156	2,142,142	74,165	700,198	824,143	3,792,804
North-Eastern ..	21,277	918,459	50,751	430,109	314,347	1,734,943
Gippsland ..	13,089	580,182	55,398	404,859	249,102	1,302,630
Totals at 31st March, 1956	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212
Totals at 31st March—						
1952 ..	249,281	9,782,940	994,731	5,789,093	4,721,184	21,537,229
1953 ..	250,427	9,999,346	1,003,129	5,882,446	4,232,848	21,368,196
1954 ..	247,795	9,604,805	1,045,615	6,104,951	4,434,841	21,438,007
1955 ..	258,890	10,084,016	1,012,503	6,542,895	4,431,211	22,329,515
1956 ..	274,394	10,752,280	998,620	6,695,619	4,622,299	23,343,212(b)

(a) Includes ewes mated as well as those not being bred from during the season under review. Breeding ewes not mated numbered 768,078 at 31st March, 1956.

(b) The highest number ever recorded and exceeds the March, 1955, record of 22,329,515 by 1,013,697.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES.

Particulars.					Year Ended 30th June—			
					1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
Factories	No.				9,250	15,154	15,533	15,861
Persons employed (a)—								
Males	No.				136,218	228,724	240,698	251,675
Females	No.				65,613	82,035	90,579	94,973
Total	No.				201,831	310,759	331,277	346,648
Wages paid (b)—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Males					29,006	171,897	190,573	213,377
Females					7,021	38,981	45,463	49,373
Total					36,027	210,878	236,036	262,750
Value of—					£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Fuel, light, and power used					3,595	24,354	27,540	30,002
Lubricating oil and water used and repairs					2,655	15,948	18,123	21,422
Materials used (including containers)					80,722	461,811	531,528	597,009
Production (net)					65,996	358,033	408,314	452,223
Output					152,968	860,146	985,505	1,100,656
Land and buildings					42,026	135,325	158,389	186,324
Machinery and plant					38,570	147,365	181,059	226,347

(a) Average over whole year. Includes working proprietors.

(b) Excludes amounts drawn by working proprietors.

VICTORIA—MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES—VALUE ADDED IN PROCESS OF MANUFACTURE.

Class of Industry.		Year Ended 30th June—			
		1939.	1953.	1954.	1955.
		£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Treatment of non-metalliferous mine and quarry products		1,576	6,863	7,730	9,302
Bricks, pottery, glass, &c.		1,530	5,209	6,205	7,122
Chemicals, dyes, explosives, paints, oils, and grease		4,462	21,506	27,346	33,067
Industrial metals, machines, implements, and conveyances		16,460	123,089	138,569	157,227
Precious metals, jewellery, and plate		547	2,646	3,103	3,169
Textiles and textile goods (not dress)		6,324	36,219	43,860	43,924
Skins, and leather (not clothing or footwear)		1,373	6,617	6,464	6,588
Clothing		7,865	36,689	41,286	43,224
Food, drink, and tobacco		12,610	51,322	55,231	57,250
Woodworking and basketware		2,391	14,473	16,383	18,943
Furniture, bedding, &c.		1,281	6,001	6,301	7,106
Paper, stationery, printing, bookbinding, etc.		4,930	23,659	27,373	31,287
Rubber		1,573	7,092	9,296	9,949
Musical instruments		24	190	296	304
Miscellaneous products		722	8,140	10,357	11,881
Heat, light, and power		2,328	8,318	8,514	11,880
Total		65,996	358,033	408,314	452,223

Note.—“Added Value” is the source from which provision is made for the following:—salaries and wages, depreciation, taxation, rent, insurance, miscellaneous expenses and profits.

VICTORIA—VALUE OF RECORDED PRODUCTION, 1954-55.

Industry.	Gross Value of Production. (a)	Marketing Costs.	Value at Place of Production.	Costs of Production. (b)	Net Value of Production.	Net Value per Head of Population.
Primary—	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£ s. d.
Agriculture	84,305	13,823	70,482	8,784	61,698	24 15 11
Pastoral	130,680	11,257	119,423	7,228	112,195	45 1 10
Dairying	62,001	2,324	59,677	13,250	46,427	18 13 2
Poultry and Bee Farming	20,261	1,571	18,690	6,541	12,149	4 17 8
Trapping, Forestry, and Fisheries	14,039	1,049	12,990	..	12,990	5 4 5
Mining.. ..	10,810	730	10,080	1,934	8,146	3 5 6
Total Primary	322,096	30,754	291,342	37,737	253,605	101 18 6
Manufacturing (c) ..	452,223	..	452,223	..	452,223	181 15 1
Total all Industries ..	774,319	30,754	743,565	37,737	705,828	283 13 7

(a) Gross value is defined as the value of recorded production at the wholesale price realized in the principal markets. In cases where primary products are absorbed locally, or where they become raw material for secondary industry, these points are presumed to be the principal markets.

(b) Costs of production include stock feed, seed costs and pickling, manures, spraying, sheep and cattle dips, power, fuel, water, and all other materials used in production, but exclude depreciation, wages and maintenance costs.

(c) Manufacturing is included at its net added value because the gross or wholesale selling value contains so much duplication of products, the finished article of one class of manufacture forming in numerous cases the raw material for others.

VICTORIA—NET VALUE (a) OF RECORDED PRODUCTION PER HEAD OF POPULATION.

Year.	Industry.							Total.
	Agriculture.	Pastoral.	Dairying.	Poultry and Bee Farming.	Trapping, Forestry and Fisheries.	Mining.	Manufacturing.	
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1939-40 ..	6 8 9	8 13 10	6 10 6	1 13 6	1 3 1	1 2 4	39 3 2	64 15 2
1940-41 ..	3 16 7	9 14 2	6 16 4	1 4 9	1 12 9	1 6 2	46 7 8	70 18 5
1941-42 ..	8 1 9	10 9 6	6 9 0	1 8 4	2 2 1	1 2 8	56 15 6	86 8 10
1942-43 ..	10 2 11	12 11 4	6 6 6	2 10 1	1 17 6	0 19 1	61 11 7	95 19 0
1943-44 ..	8 12 3	13 2 9	6 19 1	2 12 6	2 11 0	0 15 6	62 0 3	96 13 4
1944-45 ..	7 8 7	12 3 9	7 6 4	2 15 2	2 9 6	0 15 5	61 0 4	93 19 1
1945-46 ..	11 2 7	8 19 7	7 9 2	2 17 4	3 0 0	0 17 3	60 14 7	95 0 6
1946-47 ..	16 3 9	14 0 9	8 16 10	2 15 1	3 3 11	1 0 2	64 9 3	110 9 9
1947-48 ..	24 2 1	20 11 10	9 10 4	2 19 8	3 11 4	1 2 2	76 12 0	138 9 5
1948-49 ..	18 12 5	25 7 0	10 10 8	3 16 5	3 18 0	1 0 7	86 9 7	149 14 8
1949-50 ..	24 16 9	35 14 0	12 10 5	3 18 1	4 5 9	1 0 10	101 0 6	183 6 4
1950-51 ..	23 18 1	72 11 5	13 4 5	4 10 2	4 12 5	1 6 7	123 4 10	243 7 11
1951-52 ..	27 16 10	43 7 4	17 0 3	5 11 1	5 8 9	1 16 7	145 5 6	246 6 4
1952-53 ..	27 10 10	45 18 2	18 1 5	6 8 4	5 4 9	2 16 2	151 11 0	257 10 8
1953-54 ..	27 1 8	44 19 2	19 1 5	5 18 10	5 2 0	3 0 1	168 10 6	273 13 8
1954-55 ..	24 15 11	45 1 10	18 13 2	4 17 8	5 4 5	3 5 6	181 15 1	283 13 7

(a) See footnote (b) above.

VICTORIA—PRODUCTION OF BLACK COAL AND BROWN COAL AND BRIQUETTES MANUFACTURED.

Period.			Black Coal.	Brown Coal.				Briquettes Manu- factured. (a).	
				State Electricity Commission.			Privately- operated Mines.		Total.
				Yallourn.	Yallourn North.	Morwell.			
Year ended	31st Dec-	ember—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	
1939	365	3,650	..	1	3,651	415	
1946	191	5,547	90	70	5,707	504	
1947	174	5,791	153	196	6,140	514	
1948	168	6,091	333	268	6,692	542	
1949	123	6,321	644	410	7,375	577	
1950	126	6,211	623	493	7,327	527	
1951	148	6,314	927	595	7,836	563	
1952	144	6,448	1,087	569	8,104	554	
1953	152	6,475	1,242	540	8,257	560	
1954	141	7,081	1,312	938	9,331	614	
1955	133	7,721	1,505	11	875	10,112	636
1954—									
March Quarter ..			33	1,595	307	..	187	2,089	141
June Quarter ..			28	1,838	325	..	253	2,416	167
September Quarter ..			41	1,874	349	..	260	2,483	159
December Quarter ..			39	1,774	331	..	238	2,343	147
1955—									
March Quarter ..			32	1,753	331	..	185	2,269	156
June Quarter ..			32	1,970	380	..	222	2,572	168
September Quarter ..			34	2,061	413	..	256	2,730	161
December Quarter ..			35	1,937	381	11	212	2,541	151
1956—									
March Quarter ..			26	1,884	361	4	190	2,439	163
June Quarter ..			29	2,056	395	..	222	2,673	160

(a) The quantity of brown coal used in the manufacture of briquettes is included in previous columns in the figures of production by the State Electricity Commission.

VICTORIA—IMPORTS (INTERSTATE AND OVERSEA) OF BLACK COAL.

Period.	Interstate.			Oversea.				Grand Total—Interstate and Oversea.
	From New South Wales.	From Queensland.	Total.	From United Kingdom.	From India.	From South Africa.	Total.	
Year ended 31st December—	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.
1939	1,404	..	1,404	..	..	..	..	1,404
1946	1,504	..	1,504	..	..	..	..	1,504
1947	1,413	..	1,413	..	..	..	..	1,413
1948	1,440	..	1,440	24	..	..	24	1,464
1949	1,197	..	1,197	145	185	24	354	1,551
1950	1,144	8	1,152	..	211	217	428	1,580
1951	1,236	72	1,308	..	139	72	211	1,519
1952	1,488	166	1,654	..	200	..	200	1,854
1953	1,262	160	1,422	..	17	..	17	1,439
1954	1,252	143	1,395	..	..	..	..	1,395
1955	1,241	121	1,362	..	..	..	..	1,362
1954—								
March Quarter	273	20	293	..	..	..	..	293
June Quarter	317	39	356	..	..	..	..	356
Sept. Quarter	361	47	408	..	..	..	..	408
Dec. Quarter	301	37	338	..	..	..	..	338
1955—								
March Quarter	253	22	275	..	..	..	..	275
June Quarter	352	19	371	..	..	..	..	371
Sept. Quarter	338	53	391	..	..	..	..	391
Dec. Quarter	298	27	325	..	..	..	..	325
1956—								
March Quarter	191	8	199	..	..	..	..	199
June Quarter	319	26	345	..	..	..	..	345

STATE ELECTRICITY COMMISSION OF VICTORIA—ELECTRICITY GENERATED AND SENT OUT.

Period.	Electricity Generated—			Electricity Sent Out from Generating Stations—		
	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.	Hydro Stations.	Thermal Stations.	Total.
	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.	kWh millions.
1938-39 Year ..	103·2	824·1	927·3	102·8	739·2	842·0
1950-51 „ ..	194·2	2,411·3	2,605·5	191·7	2,276·2	2,467·9
1951-52 „ ..	226·4	2,565·3	2,791·7	224·1	2,420·5	2,644·6
1952-53 „ ..	234·9	2,785·5	3,020·4	232·2	2,622·4	2,854·6
1953-54 „ ..	154·9	3,347·5	3,502·4	151·4	3,149·5	3,300·9
1954-55 „ ..	219·3	3,751·1	3,970·4	215·7	3,514·6	3,730·3
1955-56 „ ..	459·3	3,970·0	4,429·3	455·8	3,726·4	4,182·2
1954-55—						
September Quarter	52·7	988·6	1,041·3	50·8	926·9	977·7
December Quarter ..	66·6	868·0	934·6	65·8	812·2	878·0
March Quarter ..	48·1	859·4	907·5	47·7	804·2	851·9
June Quarter ..	51·9	1,035·1	1,087·0	51·4	971·3	1,022·7
1955-56—						
September Quarter	123·3	1,050·3	1,173·6	122·3	984·8	1,107·1
December Quarter ..	122·9	927·5	1,050·4	122·0	869·1	991·1
March Quarter ..	70·5	933·1	1,003·6	69·8	876·8	946·6
June Quarter ..	142·6	1,059·1	1,201·7	141·7	995·7	1,137·4

Note.—Figures above of electricity generated by the State Electricity Commission (including Melbourne City Council Power House, Spencer-street) represented in 1954-55, 99 per cent. of the total generated by all authorities in Victoria.

IX.—MISCELLANEOUS.

MELBOURNE METROPOLITAN AREA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.					
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.	No.	Value.
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
(a) Old Series.								
1938 Year ..	5,333	5,318	531	1,641	6,124	1,446	11,988	8,405
1939 „ ..	5,148	5,370	483	1,655	6,113	1,658	11,744	8,683
1947 „ ..	8,787	13,685	476	2,156	6,664	2,057	15,927	17,898
1948 „ ..	8,531	14,837	371	1,660	6,090	2,217	14,992	18,714
1949 „ ..	10,768	20,391	331	1,846	6,920	2,142	18,019	24,379
1950 „ ..	12,268	26,343	467	3,045	10,368	3,185	23,103	32,573
1951 „ ..	11,110	29,462	593	4,706	17,450	5,639	29,153	39,807
1952 „ ..	6,621	18,916	777	6,299	17,212	6,584	24,610	31,799
1953 „ ..	8,671	25,823	1,311	7,400	17,713	7,182	27,695	40,405
1954 „ ..	10,719	33,589	1,304	11,715	17,509	8,834	29,532	54,138
(b) New Series.								
1954 Year ..	13,505	40,550	1,592	17,140	19,333	9,496	34,430	67,186
1955 „ ..	14,305	45,938	1,299	14,524	20,729	12,819	36,333	73,281
1955—								
March Quarter ..	3,329	10,774	369	3,488	4,912	3,114	8,610	17,376
June Quarter ..	3,559	11,187	313	3,842	5,355	3,514	9,227	18,543
September Quarter ..	3,846	12,352	335	3,930	5,492	3,371	9,673	19,653
December Quarter ..	3,571	11,625	282	3,264	4,970	2,820	8,823	17,709
1956—								
March Quarter ..	3,433	11,365	275	2,901	5,073	2,972	8,781	17,238
June Quarter ..	3,483	11,912	353	4,853	5,800	3,157	9,636	19,922

As from 1st January, 1954, the metropolitan area was re-defined for statistical purposes by the inclusion of additional municipal areas.

(a) Municipal areas in metropolis prior to 1st January, 1954.

(b) Municipal areas in metropolis as from 1st January, 1954.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

VICTORIA—BUILDING PERMITS ISSUED BY TEN(a) PROVINCIAL MUNICIPALITIES.

Period.	New Buildings—				Alterations and Additions.		Total.	
	Dwellings (including Flats, Hotels, &c.).		Other Buildings.		No.	Value.	No.	Value.
	No.	Value.	No.	Value.				
		£'000		£'000		£'000		£'000
1939 Year	647	460	59	107	619	153	1,325	720
1946	693	768	39	34	1,096	160	1,828	962
1947	819	1,032	47	99	937	162	1,803	1,299
1948	800	1,203	33	443	832	251	1,665	1,897
1949	1,060	1,793	41	585	1,149	275	2,250	2,653
1950	1,280	2,446	29	118	1,172	429	2,481	2,993
1951	1,072	2,469	60	572	1,369	362	2,501	3,403
1952	657	1,587	95	642	1,363	604	2,115	2,833
1953	787	2,075	150	1,173	1,473	712	2,410	3,960
1954	964	2,787	159	1,318	1,558	858	2,681	4,963
1955	868	2,662	141	1,515	1,606	1,390	2,615	5,567
1954—								
March Quarter ..	188	536	30	169	305	129	523	834
June Quarter ..	220	652	36	348	427	166	683	1,106
September Quarter..	317	914	59	566	481	322	857	1,802
December Quarter ..	239	685	34	235	345	241	618	1,161
1955—								
March Quarter ..	198	585	25	226	390	239	613	1,050
June Quarter ..	220	675	42	370	409	273	671	1,318
September Quarter..	243	760	38	494	410	690	691	1,944
December Quarter ..	207	642	36	425	397	188	640	1,255
1956—								
March Quarter ..	201	622	39	474	352	273	592	1,369
June Quarter ..	207	674	44	580	456	358	707	1,612

(a) Includes the Cities of Ballaarat, Bendigo, Geelong, Geelong West, Horsham, Mildura, Newtown and Chilwell, Sale, Shepparton, and Warrnambool.

Note.—The above statement includes War Service Homes dwellings but excludes Housing Commission and other Government buildings.

HOUSING COMMISSION OF VICTORIA.

Period.	Contracts Let(a) during Period for the Erection of Dwelling Units.			Dwelling Units Completed during Period.		
	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.	Metropolitan Area.	Outside Metropolitan Area.	Total.
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.
Prior to 1942-43 ..	1,092	135	1,227	1,080	135	1,215
1942-43 Year ..	116	..	116	79	..	79
1943-44 „ ..	323	75	398	118	..	118
1944-45 „ ..	747	345	1,092	495	115	610
1945-46 „ ..	1,677	677	2,354	889	204	1,093
1946-47 „ ..	2,069	930	2,999	921	570	1,491
1947-48 „ ..	1,281	919	2,200	1,388	791	2,179
1948-49 „ ..	1,221	626	1,847	1,453	904	2,357
1949-50 „ ..	1,287	1,183	2,470	1,479	975	2,454
1950-51 „ ..	1,575	1,439	3,014	1,365	1,334	2,699
1951-52 „ ..	931	2,039	2,970	1,428	1,542	2,970
1952-53 „ ..	1,528	2,032	3,560	1,573	1,665	3,238
1953-54 „ ..	2,605(b)	718	3,323	2,140(b)	1,450	3,590
1954-55 „ ..	2,711(b)	1,304	4,015	2,464(b)	1,496	3,960
1954-55—						
September Quarter ..	766(b)	167	933	742(b)	437	1,179
December Quarter ..	841(b)	501	1,342	744(b)	426	1,170
March Quarter ..	697(b)	244	941	428(b)	127	555
June Quarter ..	407(b)	392	799	550(b)	506	1,056
1955-56—						
September Quarter ..	218(b)	220	438	636(b)	382	1,018
December Quarter ..	560(b)	502	1,062	587(b)	423	1,010
March Quarter ..	121(b)	276	397	601(b)	289	890
June Quarter ..	130(b)	111	241	801(b)	433	1,234
Grand Total to 30th June, 1956 ..	20,192	13,531(c)	33,723	19,497	12,708(c)	32,205

(a) Including work performed by day labour. The date of the letting of the first contract was 31st July, 1939.

(b) Figures relate to the metropolitan area as re-defined for statistical purposes from 1st January, 1954.

(c) Including to 31st December, 1953, information relating to municipal areas incorporated in the metropolitan area as from 1st January, 1954, viz:—

	Contracts for Dwelling Units.	Dwelling Units Completed.
Shire of Dandenong	362	227
Shire of Frankston and Hastings	106	103

Note.—The above statement is exclusive of houses erected by the Housing Commission of Victoria for the Commonwealth War Workers' Housing Trust, viz, 234 at Sunshine and 34 at Coburg.